

PATENT APPLICATION
DOCKET NO.: 200315309-1

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8 and 16-20 are currently pending, of which claims 1 and 16 are in independent form.

Interview with Examiner Tuan T. Dinh on November 30, 2006 is sincerely appreciated. Based on the discussion with Examiner Dinh, claims 6 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice in order to overcome the pending species election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121.

Favorable consideration of the present patent application as currently constituted is respectfully requested.

Regarding the Species Election

Based on the present response, it is believed that the species election requirement as set forth in the pending Notice has been overcome or otherwise rendered moot.

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SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to favorably consider the present patent application and advance the prosecution thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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